

It doesn't take much in the way of a storm to wreck some of the craft that sail the sea of life.

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday and in the western part of the state tonight.

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## PRICE OF WHEAT LEAPS IN ALL AMERICAN MARKETS

### WILL CEREAL SOAR HIGH ON ENGLISH GRAB?

Some Experts See Only Slight Fluctuation Following Seizure.

England Commandeers 20,000,000 Bushels in Canada.

ENORMOUS SUPPLY AN ANCHOR

Crosby Discerns Little Effect on American Milling.

New York Dealers Look for Stronger Home Demand.

London, Nov. 29.—The official press bureau made the following statement today:

"With reference to the announcement from Ottawa on November 28 that the Canadian government had commandeered 16,000,000 bushels of wheat at the request of the British government, the board of agriculture states that the British government has made no such request and that at present it has no information on the subject."

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The action of the Canadian government in commandeering under the special war act approximately 20,000,000 bushels of wheat is expected to result in only slight fluctuation in the American market, according to opinions early today of leading grain dealers in Chicago. The market probably will not be appreciably affected, they declared, as none of the important dealers in Chicago, the center of the nation's wheat trade, was directly involved.

Experts said the price of grain had been kept down thus far this year for two reasons. The first, they said, is the enormous supply, both in the United States and Canada, and, second, the absence of competitive bidding. Most of the supplies for Great Britain and its allies have been purchased through the action of the Canadian government in commandeering wheat.

John Bull Beats Speculators. Evidently the action of the Canadian government is just a move to (Continued on Page 4.)

## ISLAND CITY BURNS

Avalon, Santa Catalina, Partly Destroyed by Fire.

Estimates Place Amount of Damage at \$1,000,000.

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—More than half the town of Avalon, on Santa Catalina island, was destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated as high as \$1,000,000.

The fire destroyed the two principal hotels, a number of business blocks, the bath house and clubs, and damaged the pier and freight houses, before it was brought under control. Practically all of Avalon was owned by the Banning company, which also owns Santa Catalina island.

## NEGRO IS GUILTY

"Chick" Campbell Held Slayer of Warden Allen's Wife.

Jury, After 44 Hours, Fixes Penalty at Hanging.

Joliet, Ill., Nov. 29.—Joseph Campbell, negro convict, today was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Muzie Odette Allen, wife of former Warden Allen, in the warden's apartments of the state penitentiary here.

The verdict fixed the punishment at hanging and was returned after forty-four hours' deliberation by the jury.

Campbell, who had expected at least a life sentence, appeared crushed by the verdict.

Mrs. Allen, formerly a star of musical comedy, was found murdered in her bed in the warden's suite of the state prison on the morning of June 20, last. Her skull was fractured and her body burned.

Fire by which the murderer is believed to have hoped to hide evidence of his crime was discovered before the body was consumed.

Campbell, a negro trusty, was serving an indeterminate sentence for the murder. Suspicion fell on him because he was the last man known to have been in the Allen apartments. Warden Allen was away at the time.

## WILSON BACK AT DESK

President Expects to Have Message Ready for Printer Today.

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Wilson returned from New York early today. He immediately went to the White House and began work on his next annual address to congress, which he expects to get in final shape for the public printer today. The president took the address with him to New York and discussed it with Col. E. M. House, his personal friend and adviser.

## Wheat Leaps as Markets Are Opened

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Wheat jumped in price today as a result of the Canadian government seizure of 20,000,000 bushels. Predictions, however, that a five cent advance would be added to values here, right at the start, were not verified, the extreme opening changes being 2 1/2 cent.

The market here, opened excitedly, with December delivered at \$1.06 1/2, as against \$1.03 1/2 at the close Saturday and with May at \$1.07 to \$1.08 1/2 as against \$1.06 1/2 to \$1.07 1/2.

Commission houses and shorts were the most active buyers. Sellers were scattered, although one of the largest firms boldly took the position in the action of the Canadian government meant that Canada was to have preference in filling foreign requirements and the result will be a falling off in export business from the United States.

Reactions from the initial top figures quickly took place and the market became a broad general one with feeling decidedly nervous. Bulls were to a large extent held in check by opinions industriously circulated that the English government probably would state that it had nearly all of the British, French and Italian business, and that United States exporters would be virtually put out of business, at least on any material advance of prices.

After sagging a little further, the market tightened again as the view became more prevalent that an enlarged demand on domestic stocks of wheat might be ultimately unavoidable. This prospect was confirmed to some extent by announcement just before the close that export sales for shipment by way of the Gulf of Mexico had been made today amounting to 500,000 bushels.

Closing prices were firm, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents net higher, with December at \$1.05 1/2 and May at \$1.08 1/2.

Active and Higher in New York. New York, Nov. 29.—The wheat market here opened active and somewhat excited today with prices from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents higher, owing to the action of the Canadian government in commandeering wheat.

Upturn in Minneapolis. Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 29.—Wheat took an upward turn here today in consequence of the action yesterday of the Canadian government. December opened at 1 1/2, two cents above Saturday's close. May opened at \$1.02 1/2 to \$1.04, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents above Saturday's close.

Advance in St. Louis. St. Louis, Nov. 29.—December wheat opened on the Merchants' exchange today at an advance of 1 1/2 to 3 cents, and May at an advance of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents. The quotation on December was \$1.03 1/2 to 1 1/2 and on May \$1.07 to \$1.07 1/2.

No Furry at Duluth. Duluth, Nov. 29.—The local wheat market opened half cent up at 99 cents advanced 1/2 and then eased off 1/4. May opened 3/4 cent up at \$1.03 advanced 1 cent more and then eased off 3/4.

Upward Flash at Kansas City. Kansas City, Nov. 27.—Difference of opinion as to what effect the Canadian government's seizure on wheat in eastern and lake terminals would have on the export market held the market for wheat futures with a narrow range at the opening here today. December wheat, in which practically all of the early trading was done, opened at 99 cents, a rise of 1/2 cent over Saturday's close, but quickly settled back to 98 and held at 97 1/2 to 98 for the first hour. The opening five minutes was excited, but after that little trading was done.

May wheat also opened up, the first quotation being 2 cents above Saturday's close, but reaction took place almost immediately and the price steadied around \$1.01.

Traders here held widely different opinions as to the effect of the Canadian government's action. Many of the chief exporters declared they could see no reason for its effecting the general market, since the amount of wheat taken over was such a small per cent of the visible supply.

Topeka Market Not Affected. The commandeering of 20,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat by the British government has not affected the local cash market, according to Topeka millers. The option market in Kansas City opened two cents high today, but unless it remains there or goes still higher the situation will have no bearing on the market here.

"On account of the extremely small amount of steamship space available for transportation, American millers have been unable to move out any considerable portion of the grain in this country available for export," David Bowie of the Page Milling company pointed out this morning.

"For this reason it is doubtful if the American market will be affected by the seizure, despite the fact that it opened higher this morning."

Owing also to the great amount of Canadian wheat still available for export it is doubtful if the commandeering of 20,000,000 bushels of wheat will be felt by the American market.

## ON EAST SIXTH BIND UP WOUNDS CZAR WILL STRIKE

Lawrence Interurban Survey Is Filed With County.

South Side Line Will Enter Topeka From Southeast.

HERE IN A FEW MONTHS

J. D. Bowersock Says the Work Will Begin Soon.

Heim Extension to Topeka May Be Abandoned.

The long talked of, dreamed of, speculated upon and surveyed plan of Topeka being the western terminal of an interurban railway or interurban railroads between Topeka and Lawrence or Topeka and Kansas City, is fast becoming a reality. Evidence that Topeka will be the western terminal of a road between Topeka and Lawrence was shown this morning when the Lawrence, Topeka & Western railway filed blue-print of its survey of right of way through Topeka and Shawnee county with the Shawnee county clerk.

Work Will Begin Soon. Work on the Topeka-Lawrence line

Tumulty Says Mexico Needs Sympathy and Counsel.

Replies to Those Who Criticise Recognition of Carranza.

ALL CREEDS ARE HELD SACRED

Secretary Reproduces Assurances Given by "First Chief."

Duty of All to Contribute to Rehabilitation of Republic.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The administration's reply to those who criticize the recognition of the Carranza government in Mexico because of charges of outrages upon priests and nuns of the Catholic church was made public here last night in a letter by Secretary Tumulty to Dr. James J. McGuire of Trenton, N. J., who recently wrote to the White House asking for an explanation of what he characterized as "widespread criticism." Secretary Tumulty advised Dr. McGuire that the files of the state department failed to disclose any official record of a single proven case of outrages upon nuns, and he included in his letter a statement by the Cath-

Germans Prepare to Meet Russ Drive in Balkans.

Rumania Is Facing Fate of Belgium and Serbia.

UNDER HEEL OF BELLIGERENTS

Little Nation Will Be Forced to Join Entente Allies.

State's Whole Area May Become Gory Battlefield.

London, Nov. 29.—"The Bulgarians are withdrawing troops from the Turkish frontier and are dispatching them to other front in anticipation of an attack from the side of Rumania, or by way of the Black sea," says a Reuter dispatch from Saloniki, "while some of the German forces in Serbia are proceeding to the support of the Bulgarians against a prospective Russian invasion."

Paris, Nov. 29.—Germany is rushing preparations today to resist a Russian attack in the Balkans. The Kaiser evidently has decided the czar is about to strike. The mo-

## BACK AGAIN, BUT WHERE'S THE BIRD?



will begin as soon as possible, according to a statement made today by J. D. Bowersock, an official of the Lawrence, Topeka & Western railway, over the long distance telephone.

"I am unable to give any dates, but I think I can safely say that the lines will be built into Topeka inside of a few months," said Mr. Bowersock.

Would there be any barns or stations built in Topeka? Mr. Bowersock was unable to make any definite statement, but Topeka being the western terminal of the road, an attractive station and barns would probably be built near or on the Black sea coast can hope to escape.

The Germans apparently propose to meet the invasion frontally on the Bulgarian frontier and attack the Russians from the westwards and on the flank.

The flank attack will make a vast battleground of all central and western Rumania. Only a narrow strip on the Black sea coast can hope to escape.

All their preparations show the Russians will enter the Balkan front by a rush through Rumania into Bulgaria.

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## BLOW TO ALIENS

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds N. Y. Labor Law of 1909.

Missouri and Nebraska Drainage Laws Are Sustained.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The New York anti-alien labor law of 1909, under which it was made compulsory to employ only citizens in the construction of public works, was today held constitutional by the supreme court.

The Oklahoma corporation tax levies were upheld today by the court.

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## ROADS QUIT FIGHT

Twelve Missouri Companies Abandon Jurisdictional Issue.

Contest Over Overcharges To Be Waged in State Courts.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Twelve Missouri railroads today abandoned in the supreme court attempts to require the Missouri federal district court to take jurisdiction over all suits to recover from them overcharges collected during the unsuccessful attempt to annul the Missouri maximum freight and two-cent passenger law.

The suits already filed seek to recover \$24,000,000 from the roads. Attorneys for the roads announced they would fight the claims in the state courts.

The attorneys asked the court to dismiss their appeals on the question of jurisdiction.

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## HURRY!

22 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL XMAS



## BUILD OR ENLARGE

Meeting of Business Men Held at Mayor's Office

To Take Action Looking to a New City Building.

AUDITORIUM IS INADEQUATE

Present Structure No Longer Meets the Public Needs.

Those in Attendance Are Reti- cent Regarding Their Action.

Plans either to build a new city auditorium or to enlarge the present hall to give more seating capacity were considered today at a meeting held in the office of Jay E. House, mayor. E. H. Crosby was chairman of a committee appointed by the Commercial club to take up the matter with the city officials. The meeting was held behind closed doors and none of those attending would talk for publication.

If plans for a larger auditorium are carried out, it is probable that an entire new city hall building will be erected, or the present structure will be remodeled to such an extent that it will have the resemblance to what it is now. The auditorium part of the city hall building now extends from Quincy street to the alley.

There is considerable space, however, which is not occupied between the alley and that part of the building used for city offices. The only way to enlarge the resemblance to what it is now. The auditorium part of the city hall building now extends from Quincy street to the alley.

To do this would necessitate putting the city offices in the old council chamber. This would make room for only part of them, and as a result of cramped conditions the sleeping rooms of the firemen, which some persons figure will not be needed in the double-platoon system, might be used for office room.

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## TWO FACTIONS BATTLING OVER FRISCO CHANGE

Reorganization Plan Encounters Breakers Early.

One Set of Men Inquires Closely Into Commissions.

FEE IS FIXED BY BANKERS

Moses N. Sale of St. Louis Presses Witness Hard.

Attorney Sees Greater Interest Charges Under New Company.

Jefferson City, Nov. 29.—Hearings of the plan of reorganization for the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, now in receivership, were resumed before the Missouri public service commission here today.

The plan, provides for a curtailment of the fixed interest charges by substituting for part of the outstanding bonded indebtedness, bearing a fixed annual charge, a series of obligations on which the interest is payable only out of net earnings.

James Speyer, of Speyer and company, New York; Frederick Strauss of J. W. Seligman and company, New York, and a representative of the Guaranty Trust company of New York came to the Jefferson City today to attend the hearing.

The matter of commissions to be paid in connection with the reorganization of the Frisco was inquired into by Moses N. Sale, of St. Louis, who represents certain stockholders opposed to the plan submitted to the public service commission. Mr. Sale, in questioning Frederick Strauss, of (Continued on Page 4.)

## MOUNDAYS LOSE

The U. S. Supreme Court Declines to Review Their Case.

The Only Hope Left Lies in President Wilson.

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